

Blanco Ranger
District
220 E Market Street
Meeker, CO 81641



HIMES PEAK TRAIL # 1877

Difficulty: Moderate **Trail Use:** Moderate **Length:** 4.5 miles
Elevation: Starts at 9,779 feet and ends at 9,836 feet (highest point 10,380 feet)
Elevation Gain: +761 feet – 704 feet = +57 feet

Access:

- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- The Himes Peak Trail is located 52 miles east of Meeker.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 39 miles.
- Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 10 miles.
- Turn south after Trappers Lake Lodge and cross the bridge to the campgrounds. Continue 2 miles through the campgrounds to the Himes Peak Trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

The trail climbs steeply from the road, crossing a small creek into a large meadow below Shepherds Rim. It then climbs gradually for 2 miles crossing snow slide paths to a bench below Himes Peak. The peak is above on your left and below you to the north are the White River and Big Fish drainages. The trail switchbacks for 1 mile off the bench to a large meadow full of wildflowers. You follow along the meadow for another mile to Florence Lake. (There are no fish in Florence Lake). From Florence Lake it is approximately 1/2 mile to the Big Fish Trail. From this junction you may travel down the Big Fish Trail to the Trappers Lake Road or go up the trail onto the Flat Tops and return to the Wall Lake Trailhead via the Oyster Lake Trail, an additional 6 miles beyond the Himes Peak Trail.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Himes Peak Trail is in the Flat Tops Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leash law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH:** PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

WILDERNESS AREAS are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

